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In re Application of: Frederic P. Field et al.
Serial No.: 10/051,322
Filing Date: 01/18/2002
Title: SURGICAL SUTURING INSTRUMENT
AND METHOD OF USE
Group Art Unit: 3731
Attorney's Docket No.: ONUX-13

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicants hereby petition for a one (1) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED mailed February 13, 2002 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from April 13, 2002 to May 13, 2002.

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Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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